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BEGIN SUMMARY. DPC NOTED REF A AND APPROVED ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMON FUNDING OF FORWARD STORAGE SITES SUBJECT TO CASE-BY-CASE EXAMINATION OF EACH PROJECT AT TIME OF PROGRAMMING IN

CONSONANCE WITH CANADIAN SUGGESTION. END SUMMARY.

1. SYG INTRODUCED ITEM BY NOTING MC 14-3 REQUIREMENT FOR FLEXIBLE STRATEGY. NATO MILITARY HAS LONG STATED THAT LOCATION OF STOCKS DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO VIABLE NATO

DEFENSE. AD-70 HAD IDENTIFIED FSS AS AN IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT AND HAD REQUESTED INTERIM APPROVAL OF SOME URGENT SITES

2. SACEUR HAS NOW IDENTIFIED 200 ADDITIONAL SITES AT A CONFIDENTIAL

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COST OF IAU 96 MILLION. SYG HAS SUGGESTED APPROVAL BY SILENCE PROCEDURE OF THE ELIGIBILITY OF FSS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING, BUT CANADA WANTED A CLEAR DECISION OF THE CONDITIONS GIVING THE APPROVAL OF HOST NATION SITES IN ORDER TO PREVENT NATO

FUNDING FOR SITES WHICH DID NOT HAVE NATO INTEREST.

- 3. MENZIES (CANADA) AGREED TO SYG SUMMARY AS ADEQUATE STATEMENT OF CANADIAN POSITION. PRENDERGAST (US) STATED THAT THE US, LIKE CANADA, HAD INITIALLY BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF NATIONAL LOGISTIC REQUIREMENTS BEING FINANCED UNDER THIS PROGRAM. THE US HAD AGREED TO THE NEW CATEGORY, HOWEVER, BECAUSE SACEUR HAD REFINED THE DEFINITION OF FSS TO INCLUDE SAFEGUARDS AGAINST THE USE OF NATO FUNDED SITES TO MEET NATIONAL RATHER THAN NATO REQUIREMENTS. HE THEN QUOTED THE POINTS MADE IN PARA 4 OF REF E.
- 4. SYG CONCLUDED THAT DPC HAD ACCEPTED ELIGIBILITY OF FORWARD STORAGE SITES ON THE CONDITIONS REQUESTED BY CANADA.
 PRENDERGAST

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